Secretary of the Committee. The Committee has been given three months time for submission of report.

"Dumping of Toxic Industrial Waste in the Country"

767. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Swedish companies are being investigated by authorities for allegedly dumping of toxic industrial waste in India;

(b) if so, whether there are two parallel official enquiries are underway; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to meet the threat of dumping waste in India by some of the foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

News Item Captioned '78 Trees Axed in Hauz Khas'

768. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the "The Times of India" dated January 6, 1997, under the caption "78 trees axed in Hauz Khas";

(b) if so, whether it is against the Government's declared policy not to fell trees;

(c) if so, how the DDA's Horiticulture Department authorised a private contractor to fell 78 trees in the Rose Garden in Hauz Khas, and that too for a sum of Rs. 3500/- whereas their real worth is reported to be a minimum of Rs. 1.56 lakh;

(d) whether Government have taken any action against the DDA officials guilty of this serious crime; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir Felling of trees is not permissible without prior permission under "Delhi Tree preservation Act, 1994".

(c) to (e) DDA (Horticulture) has not obtained prior permission of the Tree Officer for the felling of trees under the "Delhi Tree Preservation Act, 1994". Forest Department, Government of NCT Delhi has asked DDA to identify the officials responsible for illicit fellings so that they can be proceeded against under the "Delhi Tree Preservation Act, 1994". According to the report of Conservator of Forest Delhi, the sum of Rs. 3500/- appears to be much less than the real worth of the felled trees. Meanwhile, World Wide Fund for Nature—India has filed a writ petition in Delhi High Court against DDA for unauthorised felling of trees in which Forest Department NCT Delhi has also been impleaded.

Animals in Zoos Suffering from Various Diseases

769. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study to know about the animals including endangered species, suffering from various diseases in the zoos in the country and the extent to which the zoos are lacking in providing treatment to the suffering animals;

(b) if so, the percentage of the zoo animals suffering from various diseases and the nature of such diseases;

(c) the number of animals died due to the diseases during the last one year; and

(d) the action taken by Government to ensure proper medical treatment and health care of the suffering animals and for professional management of zoos where it is lacking?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Zoo animals can not be screened for various diseases without being tranquillized which involves serious risk. Therefore, the zoo animals invariably are treated when the symptoms of any disease are clearly manifested. The post-mortem report and the treatment register of the zoo indicate that the common diseases from which animals suffers are respiratory diseases including tuberculosis, pleurisy and pneumonia, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, septicaemia etc.

(c) According to the report received in Central Zoo Authority, animals that have died during the year 1995-96 are 1131.

(d) Following steps are taken to ensure proper medical treatment and health care of animals and for professional management of zoos.

(i) Financial assistance has been provided for upgradation of the health care facilities and hygenic supply of water and food to the zoo animals.

(ii) The State Government have been requested to appoint wholetime veterinary officers in major zoos of the country.

(iii) A Nine months diploma course has been organised with the help of Indian Vertcrinary Research Institute, Izzatnagar, for the wildlife zoo veterinarians.

(iv) Experienced zoo veterianarian are sent for a capsule course on breeding and conservation of endangered species at Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, U.K.

(v) 3 days workshop was organised at Izzatnagar to provide zoo veterinarians an exposure to modern methods of disease diagnosis.

(vi) Training courses for zoo keepers, zoo supervisors and zoo

उत्तर प्रदेश में पक्षी विहार

770. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश में कुल कितने पक्षी विहार हैं और प्रत्येक पक्षी विहार में कौन-कौन से किस्म के पक्षी हैं तथा उनके संरक्षण के लिए किए जाने वाले उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (प्रो॰ सैफुद्दीन सोज़): उत्तर प्रदेश में कुल 12 पक्षी अभयारण्य है जिनके नामः— उन्नाव में नवाबगंज, रायबरेली में समसपुर, फरूखाबाद में लाख-बहोसी, गाजियाबाद में ओखला, बस्ती में बखीरा ताल, हरदोई में सन्दी, गोंडा में पार्वती आरंगा, इटावा में पटना, मैनपुरी में समन, हमीरपुर में विजय सागर, आगरा में सुरसरोवर और बलिया जिले में सुरहाताल।

इन पक्षी अभ्यारण्यों में रहने वाली मुख्य प्रजातियों में शामिल हैं:— लक्लक्, बुज्जा, डॉटरस, जलकाग, सारस, पिनताइलस, तिदभी, जलसिंह, पोचार्ड्स, चैती, ब्राहिमनी बतखें, बार-हैडिड गीत, गिद्ध, चीलें, गरूड़ आदि।

इन पक्षी अभाराण्यों के संरक्षण के लिए निम्नलिखित उपाय किए जा रहे हैं:—

1. वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1992 के तहत इन पक्षियों और उनके वास स्थलों को पूरी कानूनी सुरक्षा दी गई है।

2. अवैध रूप से शिकार और उनके वास-स्थलों के विनाश पर नियंत्रण करने के लिए सुरक्षा उपाय किए गए हैं?

3. भूमि और जलीय वनस्पति के प्रबंधन के माध्यम से वास-स्थलों का प्रबंध किया गया है।

4. आवासी और प्रवासी पक्षियों को उचित वास-स्थल उपलब्ध कराने के लिए जल के स्तर को नियमित और बनाए रखा जाता है।